**History of the Dutch language**

In 700 AD there were three major language areas in Europe: Latin, Celtic and Germanic.   
> The Latin language has changed to the Romance languages.   
> Varieties of Celtic are only spoken in some places in Britain and Ireland.

> English, German, Dutch and the Scandinavian languages ​​developed from the Germanic language group.

The languages ​​were only spoken at that time (no writing).

A standard language/Dutch did not appear until the 16th century. Before that you had no such thing as "Dutch", just dialects. Speakers often did not even understand each other.

Since then, the way we have to write Dutch words has changed quite often.   
The last big change was in 1995.